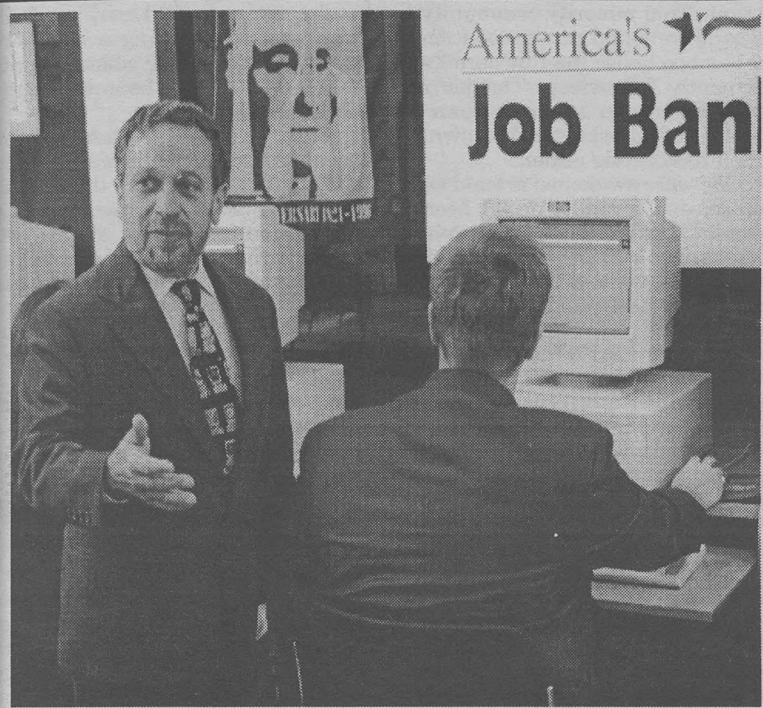


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**Labor Secretary Robert Reich joined recent GW graduates June 6 at the Career Center to explore America's Job Bank, an Internet site with 500,000 job listings.**

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## Communism expert's teaching offer is history

BY JIM GERAGHTY  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Historian Ronald Radosh left Adelphi University (N.Y.) in May and was looking for a new teaching position. He was a prolific author, and his work included *The Rosenberg File*, which *The New York Times* named one of the 10 best books of 1983.

Radosh's salary came from a transferable three-year John M. Olin Foundation grant, not from university funds. He was an all-expenses-paid expert in American communism looking for a home.

Yet the GW history department decided not to hire him.

The decision has stirred up a public-relations headache for the University, with the decision blasted as political correctness and "left-wing McCarthyism" in *The New Republic* and *The Weekly Standard*. Some have questioned whether the decision by a three-person committee in the history department was a matter of qualifications or was politically motivated.

As the spring semester ended, Michael Horowitz of the Hudson Institute told GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg that Radosh was leaving Adelphi, whose president had been ensnared in a scandal.

"I don't conventionally get involved with the hiring of faculty,

but I'd be glad to play 'honest broker,'" Trachtenberg said.

Trachtenberg mentioned Radosh's name and the situation to GW Department of History Chairman Edward Berkowitz. According to Trachtenberg, Berkowitz said Radosh had "written some interesting work," and was interested in having Radosh join the department. Berkowitz arranged for him to give a colloquy to meet the history department faculty.

Radosh said the professors reacted to his speech on the Rosenberg spy case and the extent of Soviet espionage in the United States with a variety of questions focusing on his political background. "I thought they were extraneous, a lot of negative, politically-inspired questions," Radosh said.

According to *The Weekly Standard*, one history professor asked if Radosh was more of a "public intellectual than an academic historian per se."

Radosh called it a "gratuitous, silly remark.... History is not written only for historians."

Radosh supplied references from historians Herbert Parmet, Walter LaFeber, Arthur Schlesinger and Martin Sklar. But others in Radosh's past do not share such a high opinion of him. Eric Foner, an intellectual rival

(See **POLITICS**, p. 6)

## GW faced with record-size class

### 1,743 freshmen have accepted admission for this fall

BY KRISTIN LEEDS ROBERTS  
HATCHET REPORTER

The class of 2000 will be one of the largest in University history, with 1,743 high school seniors declaring their intent to attend GW this fall, according to the office of undergraduate admissions.

"We know what our historical yields are," said Fred Siegel, director of enrollment management. "This year, the yield quite happily was a couple of percentage points higher."

Two percentage points is significant, though. If the admissions directors admit 5,900 students, expecting a number of acceptees comparable to that of the previous year, a two percent higher yield will mean more than 100 extra students.

Siegel said the University budgeted for 1,450 full-time students. "We're happy there's more," he said.

Siegel said he expects 1,500 of the 1,743 accepted freshmen to be full-time, residential students. According to Robert Chernak, vice president for student and academic support services, 100 students who declare their intent to attend GW normally withdraw before the start of the semester. He said the University expects 100 to 150 withdrawals this year.

The large potential class could compound the University's housing shortage, however. Already, 70 returning students remain on the waiting list for housing for the

1996-97 school year.

Paul Barkett, assistant director of the Office of Residential Life, said he is not sure which buildings will hold first-year students next year. Thurston and Adams halls will remain freshman residence halls, and Strong and Crawford will hold some first-year students. All other residence halls are full, however, according to Barkett.

The Office of Residential Life assured Siegel there would be 1,500 placements available for the freshman class. "We can handle the

number of resident students," Siegel said.

Concern over the large first-year student population also has been fueled by the quick closing of the first two Colonial Inauguration sessions. Chernak said this is normal, though, because freshmen choose the first session to register for their first-choice classes. The second session is full because it is a weekend session.

What is unusual about CI registration this summer, Chernak said, (See **NEW**, p. 6)

## GW ready and waiting for crowded first CI

BY AMY MAIO  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Close to 2,500 freshmen, parents, siblings and transfer students will soon descend upon GW's campus within the next two months for Colonial Inauguration, and advisers Lori Pederson and Mike Gargano said that despite a few logistical problems, the 20-member Colonial Cabinet is prepared for the onslaught.

CI has undergone some changes since it began eight years ago, the biggest being a shift in its control. Originally organized by the Office of Campus Activities, this year CI has been handed over to the office of the vice president for student and academic support services.

Pederson, who is interim director of campus activities, said that while her office still plays a vital role, the move strengthens CI because it is now viewed more as a University program, rather than simply a campus event.

Along with the move comes a refocusing of CI's priorities. There will be a stronger emphasis placed on academics during this year's sessions, Pederson said, and placement tests will be given on the first rather than the second day. When students meet with their advisers to discuss their schedule, they will be better prepared to select classes because the results of the exams will be known, she said.

(See **FOCUS**, p. 6)

## First lady is first mother at MC

### Clinton asks 'village' to help raise children

BY ANNE MILLER  
NEWS EDITOR

Hillary Clinton exchanged her public role of first lady for that of first mother June 6 as she addressed the need for morality and character development in the nation's schools before an audience of educators and child activists in the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre.

Approximately 300 professionals from around the nation were in attendance as Clinton expounded upon the need for all of society to help in raising the nation's children.

Such themes were also the topic of Clinton's recently published

best-selling book, *It Takes a Village*, which she referred to often throughout her speech.

Clinton also commented on problems she found with cyberspace and predicted that time management, and finding time to balance family and personal life with work and moneymaking, will be a large social and political issue in the near future.

"I think that for many of us, it is an ongoing issue that we are attempting to... make sense of in a rapidly changing world in which many of the rules and roles and responsibilities sometime seem up for grabs.

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Hillary Clinton

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# Don't Bogart that snake penis, man, and pass the spit!

HANOI, Vietnam - I tasted Penis the other night. I never thought it would happen to me, but there I was, sitting on the rooftop bar of my friend Nino's house, and he whips it out ... a small bottle full of some vile liquor ("rocket fuel," according to Nino) with various snake genitalia floating around in it. Needless to say, I didn't really want to try it, but when a shot is poured out in front of you and all eyes turn to see how you will take it, it's kind of hard to nonchalantly pour it out on the floor. So I knocked back the shot (there weren't actually any penis parts in it, thank goodness) and it actually wasn't that bad....

OK, I'm lying: It was simply

awful. But it's just another thing to mark on my list of exotic consumptions, somewhere between deep-fried crickets and roasted iguana.

Snake Penis Wine is not the oddest thing you can get your hands on in Vietnam. You can get wine including whole snakes (as opposed to just the penis), lizards (when I was in high school, a friend was funneling a couple of beers, a large amount of "gecko juice" was poured in as he was drinking, and he's acted suspiciously lizard-like ever since), and even sea horses (said to cure - no, not cause - "sexual weakness").

Having tried all of the above, though, I wanted to try something

really potent. I mentioned this to Nino (of snake penis fame) and another guy, Vincent - both of

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them, oddly, are Flemish - and they told me they'd take me to a place that would "blow my mind." I assumed they weren't speaking of

unexploded ordinance left over from the war, so I agreed to join them on a motorcycle tour that weekend.

So Saturday rolled around, and we jumped on our Minskis and zoomed off over the horizon (well, zoomed might be an exaggeration. Minskis ARE Russian bikes, after all) toward the Laotian border about 150 kilometers east of Hanoi to the village of Moc Chau in Hoa Binh province. Moc Chau has an ethnic Thai minority community in it, and we found accommodation in a bamboo house (no hut here!) and promptly fell asleep. The journey had taken us much more than six hours and Minskis aren't known for their easy riding either.

We were awakened around eight or so, and given some 33 beer to drink (33 is Vietnam's equivalent of Milwaukee's Best). We also had some rice wine, which, while not extremely tasty, didn't quite blow my mind as had been promised. But then, at around 9:30, Nhung, the woman who ran the household, dragged over a dirty vase that had been sitting in the corner since we had gotten there. Everybody began getting pretty excited, and the two Flemings explained to me that this wine was made by old women chewing on young rice and then spitting into this pot, and then letting it ferment to make it alcoholic.

As Nhung opened the pot and stuck some three foot bamboo straws into it, I contemplated what fermented rice spit would actually taste like, and whether I really wanted to be sucking down some old ladies' spittle. But when it came down to it, this was one of the main reasons we had come here, and once again I wasn't about to back down. It turned out that the Rice Spit Wine really was-

n't that bad. And I mean that the time. It had a sort of sweetish taste to it, and the consistency, when sucked through the bamboo, was quite un-spit-like. I wouldn't go as far as to say it was pleasant, but certainly was as revolting as the snake penises has been.

As we were sucking away, I saw an old, black-toothed woman over in a dark corner chuckling to herself. It must be a great feeling when you're 70 years old and can still make a killing selling a bucket of spit to foreigners for what amounts to \$6 and have them be happy about the purchase.

And just as I thought the evening would come to a close without further surprises, they rolled out the thuoc lao. A thuoc lao is a water pipe (a bong, for all you people heads out there) out of which the locals smoke their tobacco and opium. This one was a super thuoc lao, about two feet long, but about two inches in diameter. I had never smoked out of a bong before (... hush falls over the crowd ... what? He's not on drugs? How else do we then explain the madness of the columns? Maybe he really is just plain insane...) and don't smoke cigarettes either.

So when the thuoc lao was filled with long-cut tobacco and lit up, I didn't really know what to do. After actually taking a couple of hits, I did, however, know that I never wanted to do it again. If anything blew my mind last weekend, then it was the huge amounts of tobacco smoke that seemed to burst my lungs and skull with every inhale.

Or maybe it was just the mixture of snake, rice wine, spit, and Minsk exhaust fumes ... with legal habits like these, who needs drugs?



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# A legend ends her Visitor's Center reign

## Betty Sullivan leaves after 10 years

BY KEVIN ECKSTROM  
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

Every year thousands of prospective students and their families flood Foggy Bottom to take a look at GW, hoping to see if the University is right for them.

Since the GW Visitor's Center opened in 1989, more than 70,000 people have filed through the University as visitors, and Betty Sullivan has been there to oversee it all.

A 10-year GW institution came to an end June 7 when Sullivan spent her last day as manager of the Visitor's Center. Although she refuses to call it retirement, Sullivan has left GW, and the office of undergraduate admissions is wondering how it will be able to fill her shoes.

"When I wrote my letter to apply for this job, I said I wanted to be the first manager of the Visitor's Center," Sullivan said. "I wanted to do it, I've been able to do it, it was fun and I'm grateful for the opportunity. I've really loved it."

Sullivan first started at the Visitor's Center in 1989 after spotting an ad for the job in The Washington Post. At the time, Sullivan was working in the GW Career Center.

That first year, 3,405 people came to visit GW, and that number has skyrocketed to 11,717 visitors during the 1995-96 school year.

The opening of the Visitor's Center was a "major shift in the University's approach to recruitment," Sullivan said. The growth of the Visitor's Center, the Student Admissions Representative (STAR) program and other new programs have sought to make a visit to GW more personalized and individualized.

"We represent GW to anyone who walks in the door," Sullivan said. "We try to give a vision of what life would be like if the student came to GW. We want them to leave with all their ques-

tions answered."

Sullivan has left GW to spend more time with her family and to help plan her daughter's upcoming wedding. As much as he hates to see her go, Office of Enrollment Management Director Fred Siegel said he knows this is the right step for Sullivan.

"Betty transcended the job description," Siegel said. "Many of our students chose to come here because of the hospitality, the tours and the reception they got at the Visitor's Center. They're here because of how they were treated, and Betty created that."

What has really impressed Siegel about Sullivan, however, is not just her official job at the Visitor's Center, but also how she "creates a home for current students." Sullivan is known for doting on her STAR volunteers, and that, she said, is what she will miss the most about her job at GW.

"I really will miss the STARs," she said. "That's really what keeps you going in this job. My favorite memory of the Visitor's Center will always be doing the STAR program."

GW Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak, whose office oversees admissions programs, said Sullivan has left big shoes for someone to fill.

"She's been a very special fixture in the Visitor's Center," Chernak said.

Sullivan's efforts have even been noticed by GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, who came to GW in 1988 with the vision of creating such a Visitor's Center.

"It will take eight to 10 people to replace her, and even then they won't get it right," he said.

But Trachtenberg is unconvinced that Sullivan's departure is final, because she is far short of 65, the typical age of retirement.

"She's too young to retire," he said, "and I will personally see that in about a year she gets a chance to change her mind."

## Clinton calls for values for kids

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"We have to do more to instill the kinds of values that we know would help build a sense of community and citizenship in our children, in our everyday lives and through our own actions," she said.

"I did think about this issue to a great extent when I was in law school, and in the years after, principally from the perspective of child development and how one raised moral children," she added.

Clinton cited schools and neighborhoods she has visited that sponsor programs designed to teach morality as examples of what should be obligatory in schools and for children and parents.

Her examples included retirees who tutored elementary school children, chartered schools that sponsored parenting classes and neighborhoods that organized communal "family banks" to assist members

with time and service when they "have no where else to turn."

The first lady said she does not think the job of raising socially functional children belongs solely to schools and neighborhoods, however.

"Just as families have to recommit themselves, just as schools have to recognize that they are not value-free zones ... I believe every other institution - business, religion, the non-profit world, academia and government - also have to live up to this challenge."

She said "the hectic pace of American lives" is "sapping the capacity of families to support each other and to support their children and to support institutions like schools."

In the future, she predicted "people will be bargaining for time as much as for money."

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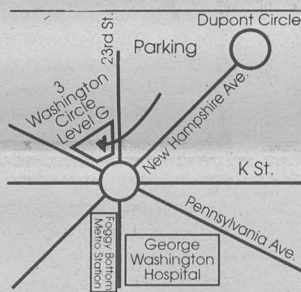
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## Growing pains, again

This year's admissions numbers are in, and they reveal good news and bad news for the GW community. The good news is that the University's acceptance rate hovered right around 50 percent, and the University accepted a record 5,954 students. The bad news is the University can expect another record breaking class – currently 1,743 eager little freshmen.

To put that jaw-dropping number into perspective, two years ago, the University saw a freshman class of 1,600 come to campus, and the result was a mess. Thurston Hall was packed to capacity, incoming freshmen lived in the State Plaza Hotel and the University had to hire extra professors to meet the need for basic classes such as Introduction to English. Last year, the admissions office eased the total to about 1,350, and the University's day-to-day business ran about as smoothly as could be expected.

It's understandable that GW wanted a large class to make up for the large group of departing seniors, but this is ridiculous. The admissions office expects 100-150 students to ditch their \$700 deposit and withdraw. That sounds like a big gamble, and even that optimistic view just puts the University back to the mildly disastrous level of two years ago.

The result of this deluge is cramped CIs, registration headaches and a housing crunch that has no easy solutions. The new residence hall is still a hole in the ground. Perhaps the office of campus life is considering putting cots on the Smith Center floor.

The University is in a difficult stage. GW's reputation gets better each year, and it attracts higher-quality students each year. It's hard to gauge who's coming and who isn't. But perhaps the admissions office needs to examine the results in Thurston and see the faces of the frustrated freshmen at CI who can't register for introductory classes. These aren't just numbers and percentages. They are students, and their experience at GW is what is at stake.

## 'Hey, free professor!'

It's not quite a public relations debacle along the lines of Richie Parker, but GW's history department has recently received its share of egg on its collective face.

Ronald Radosh, an acclaimed author and expert on American communism, was under consideration to join the history department. Despite his credentials, a three-person committee appointed by department chair Edward Berkowitz decided not to bring Radosh's services to the University.

Why he was rejected is a point of contention. Certain faculty members claim Radosh was not qualified enough, although he's been offered positions at Boston University, the University of Missouri-Columbia and numerous research institutions. Berkowitz and GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg liked him. Radosh claims it was politics at work, and notable magazines such as *The Weekly Standard* and *The New Republic* wrote about the situation as an example of "McCarthyism of the left."

It looks like the GW history department blew it, for a variety of reasons.

For one, he's free. Radosh's salary would come from a John M. Olin grant, not from GW funds. Where was the risk? If Radosh was a good professor, keep him. If it didn't work out, let him go when the grant ran out in two years. It's a no-commitment trial basis.

Secondly, he sounds entertaining. Radosh has both first-hand experience with communism and has researched the clash over America's response to communism in the Truman era.

Finally, if his point of view is different, so what? Isn't the point of a University to explore different points of view and promote the free exchange of ideas?

Radosh may take a position at the GW-related Communitarian Studies Institute. But GW students of history have been done a great disservice by those who would require an ideological litmus test for hiring at an institution of higher education.

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# OPINION



## The 'power of silence' in U.S. politics

How does one explain the meteoric emergence of a Newt Gingrich to the point at which he is considered a likely presidential candidate in some future year – and when that future year arrives, his recession into the status of a "background figure"? Or the chorus of disparagement once leveled in the direction of Bill Clinton, followed by a turnaround that puts him well ahead of Bob Dole in many parts of the nation?

Columnists earn their livings by trying to explain developments like these, but even columnists seldom speculate about the process itself. And when they do, they're likely to single out "the media" as the parties responsible for such gyrations of power and influence. Meanwhile, those who run the media also tend to disclaim responsibility. They're only giving the public what the public wants to hear, they argue. The media insist they are agents and go-betweens rather than movers and shakers.

But there is a way to look at the American political process that involves more direct thinking. Even in the most basic sense, delegation is what democracy is all about. We send certain people to Congress or The White House because we want them to undertake certain actions on our behalf. Those running for office, in turn, base their appeal on promises of precisely what they will do for those whose delegates they are seeking to become.

But delegation is also at work long after a politician gets into office, and it works in a remarkably dynamic way – one that employs silence even more intensely than it uses overt approval or disapproval. An elected politician announces that he or she is going to do something radical and unprecedented, that will amount to nothing less than a "revolution." The media rush to cover the press conference at which the proposed program is announced. The public tunes in with interest – and most of its members, if they aren't directly polled, haven't got much to say afterward. From one point of view, they're being "passive." But from an equally plausible point of view, their silence is an act of approval.

It's hard to blame the politician in question, therefore, if he or she

moves forward. A furious round of political activity seems to herald the arrival of the promised "revolution." And in a much quieter way, a few of the consequences of the "revolution" start to make themselves obvious. Slowly and quietly, the political balance begins to shift. The media,

Stephen Joel  
Trachtenberg

scrambling to detect whatever is good for their ratings, begin to notice a "counterrevolutionary" mood of sorts. And suddenly, the media darling of the year before starts to fade, and the political outcast of that earlier time is the one who gets exposure.

It's not a neat process. It's not really fair. But it works. At one end are hundreds of millions of people. At the other end are a few hundred people, struggling to be perceived as public benefactors. Somehow, the gap separating so many from so few has to be closed – in ways that actually make possible major determinations and shifts of public policy. And rather than trying to make their

wills felt through bloodshed and destruction, the citizens of a democracy proceed to accomplish the shared goals by the act of silence. What happens is determined by what they don't say, don't watch, don't respond to.

The power of silence is a subject always worthy of attention. An outrageous opinion is voiced in front of dozens or hundreds. No one cries "No!" In a country as filled with advocates as our own, it may seem that silence has become obsolete. That any and every argument is being offered at the top of someone's lungs. But the ruthless historic process known as retrospect always manages to discover what even the noisiest society once ignored. Leaking some unexpected turn of events threaten us in a sufficiently grisly manner and our earlier blindness will be obvious. Obvious too will be the procedure whereby that blindness gets blamed on the politician we formerly supported, whose impassioned critics we will proceed to tune in, much to the delight of our media!

—Stephen Joel Trachtenberg is president of The George Washington University and a professor of public administration.

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**BY JOSEF NOVOTNY**  
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The album is full of a bitterness that Mould hasn't demonstrated since the scorching Sugar album *Beaster*. Songs like "Roll Over and Die" and "Egoverride" are reminiscent of *Beaster's* mighty wall of noise, bringing home the themes of betrayal and

By breaking with consistency, Mould is probably preparing his fans for even greater things to come. He deserves the opportunity to please himself.

BY **TATIANA K. FIX**  
*HATCHET STAFF WRITER*

Rather than keep his voice consistent in all the songs as he usually does, lead singer/guitarist Robert Smith seems to explore different sounds and tunes on the album. On "Want," a typical Cure-sounding song, Smith's voice sounds the same as it always has on the band's previous albums. However, in "Club America" he sings on a much lower key, not distinctive of The Cure.



In contrast, the lyrics in other songs such as "Club America" are mundane, absurd and at times even nonsensical: "I ride into your

Whether you have been a devoted fan of Smith's brilliant career or have just discovered the band, you know what kind of magic is in store. The Cure never ceases to amaze and capture its listeners.

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## Focus of weekend shifts to academics

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Freshmen will be allowed to register directly from their rooms in Thurston Hall rather than just from the Marvin Center. There is an information session devoted to telephone registration, and several Cabinet members will be in Thurston's lobby to assist students with the process. Pederson and Gargano said this process should help cut down on the confusion that has accompanied registration during previous CIs.

The traditional skits have also undergone some changes. Gargano said when the skits are completed,

trained facilitators from various GW departments "will get conversation going about what happened on stage." The discussion is designed to highlight the skits' major points and help students gain a better understanding of what occurred.

In addition, CI has become more program-specific this year, especially in regard to transfer students. Recognizing the importance of transfer students to GW, Gargano said the transfer program has changed. For the first time a brochure designed specifically for transfer CI was published.

## New students may feel housing pinch

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is the percentage of parents and siblings accompanying the freshmen. Each session is designed to accommodate 600 people, students and family included, Chernak said. All students will fit into one of the sessions because the orientation is mandatory.

"This class is a great class in terms of quality," Chernak said. Their high school ranks were good, their SAT scores were up and there is a good amount of diversity in the class, he added.

The statistics from enrollment management's annual report do not show much of a difference between this class and the previous four, though. The average SAT score for the class of 2000 was 1220, compared with 1994's 1165 average. The scoring system changed last year, however, and when scores are placed on the same scale, the new students had an average of 1170 on the SAT.

Students from New York and New Jersey continue to constitute

one-third of the freshman population, Chernak said. Jersey sent 108 students in 1992 and 212 this year. 115 New Yorkers in 1995 in 1996.

There are more American, Asian, Native and Hispanic students GW this year than in proportionately this class. Chernak said American freshmen were 1995. This year there are students. "In quantity more (minority students) because of the size of there may be less," Chernak said.

The number of Native students went up from 14 to seven in 1996. There were Asian freshmen last year. This year. The number of students also rose, from 14 to 15.

"Everything is better expected," Chernak said. Siegel agreed. "No one looks at this as a bad situation."

## Politics may have resulted in rejection

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who has disagreed with Radosh over the Rosenbergs and the Verona papers, argued that GW's selection process was not a full and open search.

Berkowitz had appointed a three-person committee to examine the Radosh issue.

Trachtenberg said he was disappointed by the decision, but accepted it.

"I'm in the business of bringing food to the table. I bring them to the faculty, and if they want them, they take them .... I thought he did add value. My reaction is that I think (the decision) is unsound. But they're entitled to be wrong."

Trachtenberg did shoot down one of the objections - that Radosh should not be hired because a grant was providing his funding, and he was, in a sense, bringing his own money to hire himself.

"The University has many researchers who have brought their own money. It is naïveté on the part of the historians to not recognize this," Trachtenberg said, although he added that these

funded professors are in scientific fields, not history.

One of those who has commented on the hiring, GW professor and women's studies, Harrison, could not be reached for comment. In *The Standard*, she was quoted as saying, "What's the story? I qualified. I don't see here."

Radosh now has several positions including Boston University, the Institute and the University of Missouri at Columbia, which emerged as a result of publicity surrounding his decision.

However, Radosh will continue to work at GW. Professor Etzioni has invited Radosh to a position at the GW Center for Communitarian Studies, a group of scholars researching the value of character-building programs in education. Radosh was likely he would take the position at the Communitarian Institute, and that he would make a decision in about a week.

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# SPORTS

## GW signs two recruits from Nigeria, Netherlands

DeMiranda, Ngongba come highly rated; Jarvis denies that Pitt guard will transfer to GW

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GW men's basketball team received letters of intent from three players, giving the team four incoming freshmen for the 1996-97 season.

Francisco DeMiranda, a 6-8 forward from the Netherlands, and Patrick Ngongba, a 6-7 power forward from Calvert Hall High School in Towson, Md., will play for coach Mike Jarvis, who announced the signings Sunday. DeMiranda and Ngongba will

join Jackson Payne, a 6-4 shooting guard from St. Thomas More School in Oakdale, Conn., and Kinte Smith, a 6-3 guard from Cape Henry Collegiate School in Virginia Beach, Va. Both Payne and Smith signed with GW last month.

According to many reports in recruiting magazines, Ngongba is a native of Nigeria and immigrated to the United States in 1993. Ngongba joins former Colonial center Yinka Dare, now with the New Jersey Nets of the National Basketball Association, as GW

players from Nigeria.

Recruiting experts have said many good things about Ngongba's abilities. Brick Oettinger wrote in the Fall 1995 issue of *Prep Stars Recruiter's Handbook* that Ngongba is "a superbly built 229-pound athlete who runs very well and is a reasonably good mid-range jump-shooter. Strong leaper has the tools to be an excellent rebounder and rugged defender. He is a big-time prospect."

*Street and Smith's College/Prep Basketball 1995-96* has Ngongba as a High Honorable Mention All-American high school senior.

Ngongba chose GW over many schools, including Duke, Houston, Maryland, Southern California,

North Carolina and Syracuse universities.

Russ Blake, author of the A-10 Insider's Report Internet site, says of DeMiranda: "He's a slender 6-8 forward with long arms. This lefthander is a very good rebounder." Blake went on to compare DeMiranda to Zendon Hamilton of St. John's University, but added that he has a long way to go before reaching that level.

In other GW recruiting news, ESPN Sportszone, the World Wide Web branch of the all-sports cable network, is reporting that Michael Gill, who played his freshman season at the University of Pittsburgh, will transfer to GW.

A second source from the Internet backs up this story. Tom

Holtsberry, who maintains the Unofficial Pitt Men's Basketball Homepage, said in a May 5 update that Gill reportedly will transfer to either GW or Wake Forest University.

Jarvis, however, said Gill does not plan to come to GW. "There is absolutely no truth to that rumor," he said Sunday.

As a high school senior at Dunbar High School in Washington, D.C., Gill was ranked as one of the top 25 players in the country as well as the top player in the D.C. area by most recruiting services.

At Pitt, Gill played in 21 of the team's 26 games and started in two contests. He averaged 4.1 points and 2.0 rebounds per game for the Panthers.

### View from the Cheap Seats

## Calipari jumps ship to Nets; leaves a UMass mess

Earthquake hit Amherst, Massachusetts, but the aftershocks reverberated through the Secaucus swamps of New Jersey and the GW campus by Bottom.

Calipari, the coach of the team Colonial fans love to hate, has left the University of Massachusetts to join the New Jersey Nets.

Calipari signed a reported five-year, \$15 million deal Friday, the face of the Atlantic 10 changed. While it would be hyperbole to say Calipari has jumped ship from a UMass program in chaos, he has left a lot of unanswered questions in his wake, along with the disappointment of new recruits. Monty Mack, Mike Babul, Ajmal Basit, Winston and Chris Kirkland must now consider staying at UMass, or attending prep school or junior college.

Archer of The Boston Globe wrote June 7: "The UMass scene is very different now than it was when Mack and the rest of Calipari's signing class signed. Besides Calipari's departure, there's the loss of Camby and potential sanctions if the NCAA determines the university knew of Camby's dealings with an agent. Add to that a new and what was once a very stable situation is terribly unsettled."

Long-time assistant coach Bruiser Flint was named the new head coach May 1. Flint has taken over as head coach twice in his eight-year career at UMass, both last year. When Marcus Camby collapsed with an unidentified illness moments before a game against St. Bonaventure, Calipari took over the game and led the Minutemen to victory over the Hawks. Flint is no stranger to GW, either. He took over after Calipari was fired from the Minutemen's 86-76 loss to GW Feb. 24.

Flint's record so far: GW 1, Flint 0. He's not much behind Calipari, who is 9-1 against the Colonials.

Calipari's move may mean curtains for the youngest Colonial in the history of the program. If Calipari decides to clean house or to elevate the playing time of starting center Shawn Bradley, then disappointing backup center Yinka Dare may be trade bait.

One bright spot? This is probably not the end of the rivalry between Calipari and Mike Jarvis. By the turn of the century, NBA fans might be watching Calipari's Nets battle Jarvis' Celtics.

-Jim Geraghty

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Colonial Women to play in preseason NIT

The GW women's basketball team will play Old Dominion University in the first round of the 1996 women's preseason National Invitational Tournament. The two teams will clash Nov. 15 in Norfolk, Va.

All 16 teams involved in the tournament played in the postseason last year, with 14 of the teams going to the NCAA Tournament and the other two competing in the National Women's Invitational Tournament.

The Atlantic 10 champion Colonial Women went 26-7 last season, losing to the University of Virginia in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Old Dominion finished the season 29-3, and also lost to UVA, this time in the "Sweet Sixteen" round of the East Regional.

### Shafran named to GTE Academic All-American team

Colonial tennis star Lisa Shafran, who graduated in May with a master's degree in business administration, was named to the GTE Academic All-District II team for the spring term.

Shafran ended her stellar career at GW with a record of 85-26, making her the all-time winningest singles player in Colonial history. She was the No. 1 tennis player for GW all four years.

Shafran graduated with a cumulative 3.93 GPA. She also was named to the A-10 Commissioner's Honor Roll and the A-10 academic all-conference team earlier this year.

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